which no training facility at present exists.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Government of India has proposed to set up Mini-Industrial Training at block levels. States can initiate steps for setting up of Mini ITIs in a phased manner in blocks where no NGO/Govt. run ITIs are available or planned to be established. Each Mini ITIs would cater to 3-4 selected trades/enterprises relevant to the locality. Mini ITIs are to be managed and run by the DRDAs under the overall guidance of the Directorate of Technical Education of the State for maintaining certain standards of training.

TRYSEM trainees will be admitted in Mini ITIs. However, with the approval of DRDAs, others also can be admitted, if sufficient TRYSEM trainees are not available.

The non-recurring expenses for setting up of Mini ITIs will be met by the provisions under TRYSEM infrastructure to be shared by Government of India and State on 50:50 basis. State Government will meet the recurring expenses.

(e) State Government had proposed to set up 13 fullfledged ITIs during 1996-97. This proposal was not agreed because of a decision taken to the effect that Assistance towards the TRYSEM infrastructure would be given to the State Governments only for setting up of Mini ITIs & not for fullfledged ITIs.

National Child Labour Projects in Gujarat

2789. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether some National Child Labour Projects (NCLP) are under implementation in many States;

(b) if so, the detail thereof;

(c) number of such projects under implementation in the State of Gujarat at present;

(d) if none, the reasons therefor, and

(e) whether Government propose to extend that NCLP to Gujarat also?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) 76 National Child Labour Projects are under implementation in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. Under these projects a total of around 1.5 lakh working children are to be put in special schools where they are provided with non-formal education, vocational training, nutrition, stipend and health-check.

(c) to (e) Two districts of Gujarat namely Panchmahals and Surat has been identified as child labour endemic districts. Government has already sanctioned two child labour projects in these districts to cover 2000 children through 40 special schools.

Foreign assistance to overcome the problem of Child Labour

2790. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether some foreign countries have offered assistance to overcome the problem of Child Labour in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of Government thereto; and

(d) the steps proposal to be taken by Government to tackle this problem?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of the reply at (a) above.

(d) Government is presently engaged in the task of progressively removing 2 mil-